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## Budget Hides Billion for CIA Doings

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WASHINGTON — Hidden in the Johnson administration budget for next year is at least \$1 billion to be spent by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The fact that the sum, about 1.1 per cent of all federal expenditures for fiscal 1967, is concealed in the budget estimates is no secret.

But the way in which it is concealed is known only to a handful of veteran legislators. Many of the others have long resented CIA's privacy.

### Largest of Several

The agency is the largest of several comprising the "intelligence community." For nearly 20 years, it has never been subjected to review by congressional investigators. Although the main work of the more than 15,000 employees headquartered in a huge building in nearby Langley, Va., has to do merely with research and analysis, the agency also gets involved in cloak-and-dagger work.

It is the rumored blunders in the cloak-and-dagger department—espionage and government-toppling in the Middle East, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Viet Nam, Singapore, and elsewhere — that has whetted the curiosity of long-irate congressmen.

As a result, pending bills to subject CIA to closer congressional surveillance are taken more seriously than in past years.

The major bill, which would set up a joint congressional "watchdog" committee for Central Intelligence, has been pushed in the Senate for many years by Montana's Mike Mansfield, now the majority leader.

### Got Vote to Floor

In 1956 he was successful in getting the bill to the floor for a vote, where it was rejected 57-29. The opposition of Chairman Carl Hayden, D-Ariz., of the Appropriations Committee; Chairman Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., of the Armed Services Committee, and Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, R-Mass., now the ranking minority member of both units, were responsible for

In the House the chief sponsor is an administration stalwart and ranking Foreign Affairs Committee Democrat, Clement Zablocki of Milwaukee. Zablocki has long felt there should be a check on the competence of CIA agents assigned to strategic overseas service, and on the care with which huge, unvouchered sums are spent.

In the past year, the House forces favoring the watchdog unit have increased as liberal Democratic young turks have offered companion bills. They would go further than tougher surveillance, however. Typical is Rep. William Fitts Ryan of New York, who would strip CIA of all operations and limit its role to research and analysis.

### He'll Stand Ground

Senator Saltonstall made clear in an interview that he will stand firm in this, his final year in public life, against any change in CIA's status. He was chief sponsor of legislation in the Republican-controlled 80th Congress setting up CIA as a descendant of the wartime Office of Strategic Services, commanded by the late Maj. Gen. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan.

Saltonstall says CIA is "a fact-finding agency with no policy-making powers. The agency provides information to the military services and the National Security Council for decision-making. The 'guerilla warfare' activities are undertaken by CIA on orders from higher authority. CIA is assigned them, because no other governmental agency is set up for such tasks."

The CIA is cooperative and "forthright" in advising certain committees of the Senate and House about agency activities. "Every meeting I have attended has brought forth frank and

raised," Saltonstall said.

### Bill Calls for Review

Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., a Foreign Relations Committee member, is sponsor of a bill setting up a select Senate investigative unit to make the first review of CIA in its history, and to report back at the end of next January with conclusions and recommendations for overhaul.

Senator McCarthy says CIA is the only federal agency that has not undergone such a congressional "review" since it was established during the Truman administration. The only investigation that resulted in overhaul was that ordered by President John F. Kennedy following the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

Senator McCarthy says Congress must check out the validity of rumors about CIA involvement in activities far beyond the original scope of the agency. President Truman revealed in 1963 that he erred in approving legislation setting up the agency because he never intended to create a "cloak-and-dagger" service.

### Eliminated OSS in 1946

It was Mr. Truman who ordered the Bureau of the Budget to shut down the Office of Strategic Services late in 1946, by cutting off funds. The then president was irked by "now-it-can-be-told" tales of OSS deranging-do in the press, a propaganda effort launched to salvage the wartime agency as the basis for a permanent secret intelligence service.

The secret of how money is funneled into CIA from other agencies is expected to be kept this year. But the growing criticism of CIA promises to result in greater disclosure of how it spends money and under what controls.